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## PRAYER

Mighty God, Lord of the nations, govern those who govern us, your servant, James Earl Carter, the President of the United States, and those who share the public trust in every land, that they may be led by your wisdom to govern righteously; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Professor Schroer Recognized by United Church of Christ

Dr. A. Hale Schroer, Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Eden Seminary's Field Education and Service program has been appointed to serve as the Denomination's Worship Coordinator of the 11th General Synod. The meeting will be held July 1 through July 5, 1977, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The General Synod is comprised of more than 700 delegates, both lay and ordained, from United Church of Christ churches and institutions throughout the United States.

The 11th General Synod will mark the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Schroer will acknowledge this anniversary in a special worship for the delegates attending the Synod meeting.

## Ministers to Hold Convocation

May 2-4, 1977, are the dates for the Ministers' Convocation and the place is Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, Alabama. Ministers and spouses are invited and urged to attend. Churches should make possible the participation of their minister and spouse.

Theme is "The Life of the Spirit in the

## Moderator Welcomes New Ministers



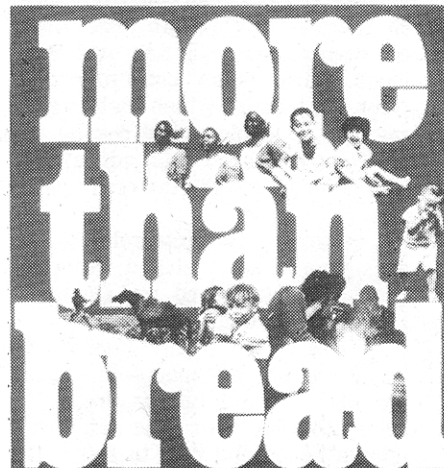
[L to R: Franklin Thomas, Moderator of Southeast Conference, Kibby Simmons, Sandra Morris.]

Central Congregational Church in Atlanta has some new ministers as members. Sunday, January 9, 1977, Franklin Thomas, Moderator of the Southeast Conference, welcomed two of them: Mrs. Kibby Simmons Steele, a member of Central Church since childhood, was given "In Care" status by the Georgia-South Carolina Association January 2. She is a senior at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. Miss Sandra Morris, a graduate of Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and originally from Chicago, was ordained this past summer and is now a member of the Georgia-South Carolina Association. She is an Intern Chaplain at Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

Another minister, Dr. Kenneth Stephens, was ordained on Sunday, December 12, 1976, at Central Congregational Church (U.C.C.). Dr. Stephens, who has been a member of Central Church while participating in the Chaplaincy Training Program at Grady Hospital, Atlanta, is now serving a pastorate in Cherryfield, Maine.

Life of the Church." Leaders will be Dr. Reuben Sheares and Ms. Cally Rogers of the Office for Church Life and Leadership.

Leaders from the Conference will be: Harold and Virginia Auler, Homer C. McEwen, Katherine Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Clark, and Harold Henderson.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

One year ago, Guatemala suffered a major disaster. An earthquake destroyed 257,000 homes, and 1,066,063 persons were left homeless. Today, through Church World Service, you have helped to build some 30,000 new homes, enough to house approximately 150,000 persons — that's about the same number of people who live in a city the size of Tacoma, New Haven, Savannah, or Ft. Worth, and additional homes are under construction.

In the first months after the earthquake, CWS moved to provide emergency needs. It shipped over a million pounds of clothing, blankets, medical supplies, food, tools, lumber, and roofing. Temporary tents and shacks were erected for 70,000 persons and longer-range reconstruction is going on over a two-year period.

We, in the United Church of Christ, have contributed, and continue to contribute, to Guatemala's needs through our One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering. As you plan your contribution to OGHS this year (most congregations will observe OGHS on March 20), consider the help that has been given in Guatemala this past year, multiply this by the many other emergency situations that happen around the world, note that needs continue, and consider whether you can multiply your last year's contribution — by two, three, four, or more times — in order to make your gift to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing a truly generous one!

## EDUCATION IN YOUR CHURCH

Our denomination has been working since 1974 with other denominations to help each church have an effective educational ministry. Recognizing the places within the church where education occurs and the vast variety of needs and concerns of local church members, **Christian Education: Shared Approaches (CE:SA)** has been developed. CE:SA is not just a myriad of resources, but a design which enables each congregation to explore and decide the WHY, WHO, HOW of its total educational program before it selects the resources it will use.

Four separate but interrelated approaches have been developed: Knowing the Word, Living the Word, and Doing the Word. They are strongly Biblical.

This Spring, Curriculum Consultants will be conducting Workshops in Cluster Groups with representatives from the churches to discover the church's educational needs and how to select the appropriate resources to meet those needs. Each church is to bring to the meeting:

- \*The Minister
- \*Young persons
- \*A member of your Christian Education Commission
- \*The Church School Superintendent
- \*A member of the decision-making body of the Church, informed in education.
- \*Other members involved in education and leadership in the church.

### SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS

- March 4 - Hillside Church, LaGrange, Ga. 5 PM - 9 PM
- March 4&5 - Macedonia Church, Braselton, 3 PM - 5:30 PM & 7 PM - 9:30 PM
- March 6 - Evergreen Church, Beachton, 2 PM - 7 PM
- March 12 - Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, TN. 10 AM - 3 PM
- March 19 - Church of the Savior, Knoxville, TN. 10 AM - 3 PM
- March 20 - Central Ala. 2 PM - 6 PM
- March 26 - Plymouth Church, Charleston, S.C. 10 AM - 3 PM
- Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala. 10 AM - 3 PM
- Enterprise, Ala. 11 AM - 4 PM
- March 27 - First Church, Atlanta, Ga. 2 PM - 7 PM
- April 2 - First Church, Nashville, TN. 10 AM - 3 PM
- April 3 - Phenix City, Ala. 2 PM - 5 PM

### Passage of ERA Is Urged

While we don't know the status of ERA in Alabama and Tennessee, it seems probable that it will not pass in the Georgia Senate. A special committee is now in

## Dates and Events

- Feb. 5 - Southern Alabama Area Council, at Montgomery.
- Feb. 7-11 - Conference Ministers and Instrumentality Execs. Winter Park, Fla.
- Feb. 12 - Curriculum Consultants, Central Church, Atlanta.
- Feb. 15 - Outreach Commission, Birmingham, Pilgrim Church.
- Feb. 20-27 - Brotherhood Week
- Feb. 23 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 27 - First Sunday in Lent
- March 4 - World Day of Prayer
- March 20 - Fourth Sunday in Lent and OGHs (One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)
- April 3 - Palm Sunday
- April 7 - Maundy Thursday
- April 8 - Good Friday
- April 10 - Easter Sunday
- May 2-4 - Ministers' Convocation, Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL.
- June 10-12- Annual Meeting, Southeast Conference, Atlanta, Ga.

## Nashville Churches Discuss Merger

In the coming months of 1977, the three U.C.C. churches in Nashville — First E&R, Howard, and Brookmeade — will begin tentative discussions concerning a proposal that the three churches seek merger. Initially proposed by Brookmeade, both First E&R and Howard have voted to appoint committees to investigate if such a merger is feasible and advisable. Coming in response to continued low membership, limited programming, and Christian Education opportunities evident in all three churches, merger considerations will provide a forum for addressing the problems and potential solutions through which the United Church can maintain a viable and effective witness in Nashville.

process of studying it before voting.

Support of ERA by church people is essential. Opponents quote scripture to try to prove that churches should be against equality of rights of women. The General Synod of the United Church of Christ has voted support of ERA. Most major denominations have done the same. January and February are crucial months.

Letters are being written by women and others in the Atlanta area to their Senators and Representatives.

## TRY EVANGELISM

1. By singing and fellowship. Seman Church in Alabama is doing this. "I just want to see the church grow and if it takes revisions and more activities, that's what we should do," said Mrs. Jo Parker, secretary of Central Alabama Association. "If some people prefer more singing and fellowship on Saturday night, then the Church should provide it."

2. By use of the telephone. From the Southern California Conference, U.C.C., comes this experience:

### "TELEPHONE EVANGELISM —

Telephone Evangelism at our Rialto Church is done twice a year — during the month before Christmas and the month before Easter. Three phones in the same room are used, so callers are not isolated and group encouragement is possible. The calls are a survey of church attendance and an invitation to non-attenders. No attempt is made to proselyte. Callers use numbers in sequence and each caller has a script to assist in speaking to person who answers. Those who indicate interest and wish a church bulletin sent, receive it at once with a brief hand-written note. Those interested in further details, including the script used, should write the pastor: Rev. Ed Dodge, Box 626, Rialto, California 92376."

3. On the radio. Mike Lemmon, pastor of Todd Church, Shawmut, Ala., titles his radio program, "Phone Call From the Pastor."

Virginia Auler, wife of the pastor at Lanett Church, has a radio program, "Let's Talk About the Word."

Roy Bain, of Baker, Fla., has a weekly radio program sponsored by his Church, Pyron's Chapel.

## Dorchester Improvement Association Hard at Work

The Dorchester Improvement Association, met Nov. 12, 1976, in Walthour Educational Annex of Midway Congregational Church, with 25 people present. Ezekiel Walthour presided and reported: DIA reorganized, financial report showed progress, a picnic area including barbecue center soon to be completed, a Heritage Room in the Centre to display artifacts and historical data relating to accomplishments of Blacks in Liberty County.

The recreation program includes an outdoor basketball court and a tennis court.

Organizations using Dorchester Center are: Dorchester Academy and Liberty County Alma Mater, Dorchester Federal Credit Union, Liberty Day Care Center with 60 children, REACT — part of a national organization to help disabled vehicles on highways, aid police and civil defense units.

# MORGAN-SCOTT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTED



[Picture] — L to R — Mark Frey and Randy Gehres, ministers, are presented \$500 by Rev. Nelson Kittle, Interim Pastor of Oak Grove Church, at the East Alabama Ministers' Dinner, Dec. 2, 1976, West Point, Ga. Front Row: Joe French, past Moderator, John Schofield, Moderator, and Mrs. Schofield.

The money is to assist Randy and Mark in their ministry in Morgan County Parish and Robbins Parish, in Tenn.

## VISIONS

I have been asked to write something about my hope and vision for the Morgan-Scott Project and Morgan County Parish I am serving. But the vision is not mine — it was waiting for me at the Morgan County line, and I share it.

For, in the forming of the Morgan County Parish, a vision took shape. The churches involved made a serious Christian commitment for ministry to this community, pledging the life of these churches not simply to maintenance and survival, but to a ministry of service; then, supporting this pledge with the regular volunteer service of each member and with maximum financial giving. I share that commitment.

And with the Project, too, a vision awaits me, as the Project attempts to confront and change what is life-denying for this community, yet heeding the words: "all is lost, in spite of glittering appearances, if things and structures and institutions are changed, but human beings are left powerless as before." We are here finally to love and serve persons. I share that aim. Another vision was here before me, the truth that in the life, death and new life of Jesus Christ, no good and holy thing was done without some sacrifice. The good we would do and the right we seek comes with the risk of personal sacrifice. I would

share that risk . . . the visions were already here — my faith is stirred.

Randy Gehres, Pastor  
Morgan County Parish, Tenn.

## APPRENTICE TO THE MOUNTAINS

As I look out the window and see the snow that has closed school for four days this week and wonder about my presence in Robbins, Tennessee, I think back to last summer when Margee and I were struggling with the decision whether to leave McConnelsville, Ohio, and move to rural Tennessee. It seemed like such a big decision. Now, I'm somewhat stunned by all the circumstances that took me from a Welfare Department Food Stamp Supervisor to a lay-pastor with the Robbins Parish and a community worker with the Morgan-Scott Project in less than a month. And as my father-in-law says, "Without an hour of seminary training" — for me it's shocking!

I've come to Tennessee to offer my talents and services to the churches and to the community, to proclaim the word of God, to work with the people and be a friend. But more important to me is that I'm an apprentice to the mountains. I'm learning about the Cumberland Plateau, about mountain folks and pinto beans, about saying 'You all right?' and 'I don't care to,' about slowing down life's pace, about making people important, and about how God has chosen to minister to the people of the Appalachians.

I feel that I must be one of God's chosen folk to be able to share in the life of two small churches, to work with local people in starting a group home for teenagers, to run a Christmas Store for those with very small incomes, and to share in the life of the Morgan-Scott Project. I am excited by this apprenticeship! And as I learn, I pray that I will be able to minister to those around me, enabling them to realize their dreams, and to live their hopes, and that through this, we will all share in God's love.

Peace,

Mark Frey, Lay Pastor of  
Robbins Parish, Robbins, Tennessee

Education is a funny thing. At 18 we knew all the answers — forty years later even the questions confuse us!

# WANT ADS For MS Project

Deer Lodge, Tennessee

**STORE** — needs new clothing, toys, games, sports equipment, crafts, caps/-mittens, etc. . . . items to be sold at low cost to low-income families.

**MISSION TEAM** — needs furniture, linens, blankets, beds, kitchenware, etc. to resupply families burned out.

**EQUAL JUSTICE TEAM** needs a lawyer! A legal-aid office is now funded which will offer direct service, and training for mission team members in benefits counseling and research on issues. Contact: Bob Butziger, P.O. Box 8, Deer Lodge, TN 37726.

**MISSION TEAM** needs chain saws, axes, saws, etc. to cut wood for emergency fuel for families.

**OFFICE SUPPLIES** needed for Project Office including a telephone and filing cabinets.

**EQUAL JUSTICE TEAM** — needs help opening office. Funding was only secured for salaries. Need office equipment, desk, chairs, files, bookshelves.

**PLATEAU HOME SCHOOL** has need of 25 chairs, 3 long work tables, sports equipment, filmstrip projector. Contact: Amy Savery, P.O. Box 8, Deer Lodge, TN 37726.

**"POUNDING"** needed to supply Project Pantry. Churches willing to join this effort ask each member to bring food to worship service. The food is then used in emergencies throughout the Project.

**COMMUNITY CENTER** — needs NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC magazines and other educational magazines for their new study center.

**LOCAL CHURCH** — needs COMMUNION SET. With only 20 members, this item is hard to purchase. If you have an old set collecting dust, please share it.



# Filmstrip Check List

"What can you give us that will help our congregation to know more about the work of the United Church of Christ?"

How often people hear that question! A wide variety of materials is available for the local congregation which will tell you and show you what the United Church of Christ is and does. Here is a list of current filmstrips. Check to see which you have and order from the Office for Audio-Visuals, U.C.C., 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102. Then, plan for their effective use:

**\$12 ALIVE!** A 15-min. color filmstrip of the Easter story. Music is both familiar and new.

**\$10 CLOSED** — A multi-media kit that focuses on the sudden seizure by the S. African Gov. of the property of Federal Theological Seminary, supported in part for over 100 years by the United Church of Christ.

**\$5 FROM SIGNAL HILL** — A 71-frame color filmstrip of the story of the literacy program begun in the Philippines by Dr. Frank Laubach. Shown is excitement of people just learning to read or write.

**\$12 JESUS CHRIST FREES AND UNITES** — An 18-min. color filmstrip with cassette on the varied and vital work of the Board of World Ministries.

**\$12 LET ALL THE WORLD REJOICE!** A 15-min. color strip using fresh words to tell the Christmas story. Includes a variety of Christmas music, sing-along.

**LET'S CELEBRATE THE CHURCH!** A 20-min. color strip telling the story of the mission of the United Church of Christ. Includes stories of local churches, Conference projects. Encourages members to take a look at their own stewardship, a quiz and related posters. (One FREE to each congregation)

**\$10 THREE SCHOOLS IN INDIA** — A 21-min. color strip which tells of educational work in India at three schools. Viewers learn about student life at these schools, Indian customs.

**TIDINGS OF JOY** — A 10-min. strip tells the real significance of Christmas in Dickens style. Audience sings along.

**THE TIME HAS COME** — 18-min. color strip on sense of unity between churches and the churches of India, Japan, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Common concerns.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Brookmeade's pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Gray, have moved into their own home at 3013 Brightwood Ave., Nashville, TN 37212.

Brookmeade Women's Guild prepares and delivers the evening meal the first Tuesday of each month to Nashville's Hospitality House. Hospitality House provides sleeping arrangements and meals for families of those patients undergoing serious surgery in Nashville hospitals.

Friendship Group of First Church, Nashville makes periodic visits to the Metro-Bordeau Hospital, taking gifts and making friends.

Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, recently inherited a substantial gift from the estate of a former member. Would that more people might remember the Church in their wills!

Rev. Roger Loosier began his ministry at Roanoke, Lowell Church Jan. 15, after serving Moulton, Jones Chapel since 1973.

John Scotford, Editor of ADVANCE, published by the Congregational Christian Churches years ago, died a few months ago. He was also at one time a church architectural consultant, visiting many churches to help plan a renovation program or a new building. His book, "When You Plan Your Church", was used by many churches. At the age of 85, he wrote: "My declining years have emancipated me from the gloom of death. No longer do I fear that my days may be cut short before I have tasted the full range of experiences which life can bring. I have been rewarded by both man and God far beyond what I deserved. Whatever the future adds or subtracts, the bargain is good." (From the Pleasant Hill Community Church Courier)

Board of Directors of Elon Home for Children at their November meeting elected Dr. W.W. Snyder for another three year term as Executive Director and Treasurer and Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn of Phenix City, AL., as a member of the Board.

The Search Committee for a pastor to organize a new church in Gwinnett County just north of Atlanta has been selected: L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman; Richard MacMorran (Sec.), Freda Brown, Franklin Thomas, Eva Driscoll and Beth Pline Hightower. Their first meeting was January 13, 1977. Interested pastors may

write the Southeast Conference, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359 for information.

Southeast News Subscriptions not renewed by Feb. 15, 1977, will be deleted from mailing list with the March issue. Renewals at \$1.00 per subscription should be sent to SOUTHEAST NEWS, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

Rev. James Cowlshaw returned to his pulpit in the Langdale Church on Sunday, December 19, 1976, after several months of recuperating from heart surgery.

## Local Ordination Given to James R. Fields

Rev. James R. Fields, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Charleston, S.C., was given Local Ordination to the Christian ministry in a service at Plymouth Church on Sunday, January 16.

The standing of Local Ordination was given officially by Rev. Karlton Johnson, Chairperson of the Committee on Church and Ministry of the Georgia-South Carolina Association of the Southeast Conference. Other participants in the service from Southeast Conference were: Rev. Neil Mosley; Dr. Homer McEwen, who delivered the sermon; and Dr. William J. Andes. From the local church were: Mr. C.L. Mays, President of the Congregation, who presented the robe to Mr. Fields, Miss Edna Brown, organist and choir director, and the church choir. Representatives from other churches in the community also participated.

## BROOKMEADE NOTES PROGRESS

Brookmeade U.C.C. in Nashville, TN, looks forward to 1977 after a vibrant year of activity in 1976. With the extensive work of two planning committees, the congregation was enabled the past year to make several critical decisions concerning its ministry in the future. The tangible results of this decision-making process included: tearing down the remains of the sanctuary burned in 1973 — sale of the church parsonage, the proceeds of which will be invested to provide a living allowance for the minister — and changing their minister's role from part-time to full-time. The change in their minister's status is an accomplishment of which the Brookmeade congregation is quite proud: this will be the first time in 47 years that the Church will support a full-time minister without aid.



## Bonding Program Open to Churches

Congregations of the United Church of Christ are being given another chance to secure blanket bonding insurance at a minimum cost and with little effort. The bond will cover both employees and volunteers who handle funds.

Two years ago the Board of Homeland Ministries made it possible for congregations to secure a \$10,000 bond, less a small deductible for minor losses, for a three year period at a cost of \$9.00. More than 900 churches took advantage of the opportunity.

Churches which have not previously enrolled may now do so for a period of one year, effective January 1, 1977, at a cost of \$3.00. The bond would be renewable.

All a church needs to do is secure an Audit Form from Southeast Conference (P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359), complete the form and send it with a check for \$3.00 payable to the UCBHM Bonding Program to: UCBHM BONDING PROGRAM, Att: Ms. Ruth Bethell, 287 Park Ave., S., New York, N.Y. 10010.

If you have questions, write to Nils E. Forstner, UCBHM, 287 Park Ave. S., New York, N.Y. 10010. \$10,000 coverage meets the needs of most churches, but higher limits are available.

A Handbell Choir is being formed at the Lanett Church. The Handbells were given the church in memory of Billy Nevin by his parents.

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## Youth Program From Boy Scouts



A new three-fold program for youth in the new God and Country series was inaugurated on November 21 during National Family Week.

Gene Hazelwood (left) secretary of the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, and Gene Sternberg, National Religious Relationships Committee, Boy Scouts of America, and a layman of St. John's United Church of Christ, Granite City, Ill., inspect copies of material.

Bethany Press, the book-publishing division of the Christian Board of Publication, has published this material and includes GOD AND FAMILY (9-10 year olds), GOD AND CHURCH (11-14) and GOD AND LIFE (15-20). Materials are available for students and counselors and will be the basic resources for the historic God and Country Program of Scouting, now open to all youth.

## 17/76 Follow-up : Another Step Up

Another step up the ladder for 17/76 Achievement Fund came when total cash receipts as of October 31 exceeded \$6 million. Continued cash flow is necessary if the Fund is to help to meet current needs of the six American Missionary colleges and the overseas institutions related to the United Church Board for World Ministries.

Commenting on the cash flow, Dr. J. Ford Forsyth, national director of the funding campaign, said the United Church of Christ could rejoice in all that the funds so far have enabled the colleges to do.

One church is observing a 17/76 Sunday each month during the pledge period, with mention of the Fund from the pulpit, and an invitation to any not pledging to contribute through envelopes in the pews.

## It's Not Too Soon

January is not too soon to begin planning your 1977 Christian Enlistment! The Guide for the Christian Enlistment recommends that congregations begin early in the year to plan and to organize for a full and complete Enlistment process.

What should a congregation do in January? A Christian Enlistment Committee should be formed to supervise the year-long process. Perhaps most important is the need to evaluate the past year's Enlistment process and clarify what the specific goals of the Enlistment will be for the coming year.

You say your church is too small to have a Christian Enlistment? Not so!

Send for the Guide for the Christian Enlistment at \$2.00 a copy to the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19102. It is recommended that a copy of this guide be secured for each member of the Enlistment Committee.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service is the inter-denominational agency through which major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions carry on cooperative, world-wide programs of service to the hungry, homeless and disaster-stricken.

The United Church of Christ is the only major Protestant denomination working in Turkey. We in the United Church of Christ, therefore, have a special responsibility for church relief efforts in that country. The UCBWM Division of Service, in response to a cable communication from Istanbul following the earthquake and in response to the Church World Service initial appeal, has forwarded an immediate \$2,000 to Turkey. Additional amounts will follow as they are given through the One Great Hour of Sharing or through directed gifts.

## BOOK REVIEW

**Bokotola**  
By Millard Fuller

### **New Houses, New Life, New Community**

"Years ago, when the missionaries came, the first thing they did was build nice houses for themselves. Next, they built nice houses for God, but they didn't help people build houses," said Pastor Lokoni of Mbandaka, Zaire, Africa.

Millard Fuller has the vision of building houses for people whose lives have been shortened and made unhappy by the houses in which they have had to live. Because these homes are sold through no-interest loans, the very poor can afford them. Thus the name of the first major project in Africa has been changed from Bokotola, "the person who does not like others," as the area was called when it was secured, to Losanganya, "reconciler, everyone together."

### **Some people you meet in the book:**

**Mbomba**, the foreman at Bokotola, with his energy and sensitivity to people, and practical and spiritual wisdom.

**Pastor Lokoni**, prison and hospital chaplain; raising 9 children of relatives on about \$26 a month income; hosting the U.S. volunteers; a pastor of incredible joy and hope.

**Clarence Jordan** of Koinonia, whom God used to transform Millard Fuller's life and who in turn saw Koinonia given new life as a result.

**Mompongo**, educated in the U.S., who returned to his village and has built a high school and six junior high schools, heads the department of education of his Region, and now is starting a home-building project in Ntondo with the inspiration and help of Habitat for Humanity.

**Bokotola** is an invitation to take part in helping provide a Habitat for Humanity, perhaps through gifts and prayers, perhaps — whether young or old — through a month, a year, or a lifetime of personal involvement, where you live or far away.

**Bokotola** can be purchased from Koinonia Partners, Rt. 2, Americus, Ga. 31709, where Millard Fuller now lives. Cost: \$4.95.

## More

## NEWS AND VIEWS

**Pilgrim Church**, Birmingham, recently sent \$232 to First C.C. Church, Alexander City, AL, \$100 toward a mimeographing machine, and \$132 for Leadership for the Church.

Dr. G.R. Walker, Jr., of Huntsville, Ala., and Mrs. Buford Bishop of Wedowee, Ala., entertained their parents, Rev. and Mrs. George Roy Walker, Sr., on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Jan. 2. Many relatives, friends and church members called at the Transco Club House, near Roanoke, Ala. "Bro. Roy" and wife are held in high esteem in East Alabama.

The booklet "My Pastor Has a Family," prepared by the UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, seeks to help congregations affirm the family life of pastors. At 25 cents plus postage, order from: Church Leadership Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

### **EDUCATION GUIDE FOR PASTORS —**

The Office for Church Life and Leadership has produced a guide that leads pastors through a five-step process of self-assessment and planning in determining what type continuing education experiences will be most beneficial to them. The "Parish Minister's Guide to Planning for Continuing Education" can be secured for \$3.00 plus 50 cents postage, from Church Leadership Resources, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo. 63166.

### **NEEDED: A SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

The Wharton Home Library at Uplands Retirement Center needs a set of Encyclopedias — a new set or one not too old and out of date. Contact: Mrs. Lois Hubenthal, Box 168, Pleasant Hill, TN. 38578.

### **LITANY OF GIVING FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Helping father, mother or sister with the dishes

This gift I gladly give my King.

Helping mother and sister with cleaning

This gift I gladly give my King.

Giving food and gifts to shut-ins, sick, and the poor.

This gift I gladly give my King.

Visit the poor, the lonely, the widows.

This gift I gladly give my King.

Written by 3rd and 4th Grade SS Class  
Langdale C.C. Church

## IMPERATIVES

## FOR OVERCOMING HUNGER



Children at the food center Infantil de Flores de Oriente, part of program set up with CWS help in last year's Honduran reconstruction.

Perry Hier, member of the Advisory Commission for U.C.C. Hunger Action Program, representing Bunge Grain Corp., Aberdeen, S.C., lists his top public-policy imperative related to world hunger:

\*"Increased emergency food supported by a realistic food reserve program. The U.S. now has a storage capacity for a 10 million ton reserve.

\*"Family planning and birth control must be an integral part of any public food planning program, since we add a net gain of 200,000 population to the world's numbers each day.

\*"Respect for the environment."

## Hospice Honors

## Dr. Robert Moss

A HOSPICE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL AND THEIR FAMILIES is the name of a New Haven, Conn., home treatment program for terminally ill cancer patients and for their families. The word "hospice" is an ancient term for a religious way-station where travelers and pilgrims receive hospitality.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries recently granted \$5,000 to this agency as a memorial to Dr. Robert V. Moss, President of the United Church of Christ, whose death from cancer coincided with the voting of the grant.